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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mountain View – Google Protest Postponement Raises Possibility of Political Violence

(U) A day after President Donald Trump sought to blame both sides for deadly protests in Charlottesville, a movement against Google adopted his language and blamed the so-called “alt-left” for ratcheting up the threat of violence. The “March on Google” had been scheduled for this weekend at the search giant’s headquarters and at eight other company offices in the United States. The search giant was targeted for its firing of an engineer over an internal memo arguing that biology could be a factor in the under-representation of women in technology jobs. Organizers said the protests would be rescheduled at an undetermined later date.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Massachusetts – Holocaust Memorial Vandalized for Second Time

(U) Boston – A Massachusetts teenager has been charged with vandalizing a Holocaust memorial in Boston. The Boston Police Department said the suspect, a 17-year-old from Malden, a suburb of Boston, was seen by witnesses throwing what appeared to be a rock at the New England Holocaust Memorial, an outdoor series of six 54-foot-high towers, each composed of multiple glass panels. A panel on one of the towers was shattered. Police arrested the teenager, who had been detained by two bystanders. The department’s civil rights unit is investigating.

SOURCE: 16 August 2017, [NY Times](#)

(U) Minnesota – County Website Shut Down by Cyber Attack

(U) Becker County – A cyber-attack yesterday took down Becker County’s website, disabled its printers, and continues to corrupt its IT network. The attack appeared to be a ransomware attack, similar to what thousands of businesses across the country have experienced, with important files encrypted and unusable unless a ransom is paid to the cyber attacker via hard-to-trace digital currency like BitCoin. Ransomware attacks are typically carried out using a malicious email attachment that is disguised as a legitimate file that the user is tricked into downloading or opening.

SOURCE: 16 August 2017, [Detroit Lakes Online](#)

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Seize Nearly \$11 Million Worth of Drugs

(U) Sarita – US Border Patrol agents on 14 August seized a massive narcotics shipment from a vehicle traveling through the Sarita Checkpoint. Agents encountered the vehicle, occupied by two US citizens, traveling north toward Houston. Agents referred the driver to secondary inspection, and upon searching the vehicle, found more than 300 pounds of liquid methamphetamine—worth a street value of \$10.7 million—inside the gas tank. Both subjects in the vehicle were arrested for drug charges, and the DEA is taking lead on the investigation.

SOURCE: 16 August 2017, [KRIS 6 NBC](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – US Soldier Killed in Battle With ISIS

(U) Kabul – An American soldier was killed and several others were wounded in a battle with the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in eastern Afghanistan. The military said in a statement that several Afghan forces were also wounded in the fighting in the Achin district of the Nangarhar province, a militant stronghold. It did not specify how many forces were wounded. The Utah National Guard said the American soldier who died was one of its members and that approximately seven other National Guardsmen were among the wounded. The names are being withheld pending notification of family members.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Guatemala – At Least Six Killed in Suspected MS-13 at Hospital

(U) Guatemala City – At least six people were killed and 12 others injured after suspected gang members attacked a hospital in a bid to free a jailed Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) associate who was there for a checkup, police and hospital officials said. Police arrested five of the seven suspected members of the gang who were armed with attack rifles when they attacked Guatemala City's Roosevelt Hospital. Among the six people killed were three security guards and a hospital janitor. Like El Salvador and Honduras, Guatemala struggles with endemic gang violence, especially from MS-13 and its rival Calle 18.

SOURCE: 16 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Venezuela – Prison Massacre Kills 37

(U) Puerto Ayacucho – At least 37 people were killed in a recent prison riot in southern Venezuela. Special interior ministry forces were sent in to regain control of the jail—which was holding 105 inmates at the time of the riot—in Puerto Ayacucho, the capital of Amazonas state. Witnesses reported hearing shots for several hours of what the state governor called a "massacre". Prosecutors said 14 officials were also wounded in the violence. Two prison-monitoring groups, A Window to Freedom and the Venezuelan Prisons Observatory, said the 37 dead were all inmates.

SOURCE: 17 August 2017, [BBC](#)

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